

24 June 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 24 June 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Dr. Libby (AEC),
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Scribner,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. Klaus Fuchs

The latest developments in the Klaus Fuchs case were outlined. Dr. Libby agreed that at this point there is very little that anyone can do about it. It was suggested however that the State Department query the British as to how Fuchs had utilized his time in jail - that is, did he do a good deal of scientific reading or in any other way give attention to scientific matters - as an aid in appraising what his future value to the Soviet bloc might be.

The consensus was that Fuchs would probably not cooperate particularly with the USSR, since, although he still professes to be a Marxist, he has stated his disillusion with Soviet foreign policy. A suggestion was made that he might in some way cooperate with France in helping that country become the fourth atomic power. The DCI expressed his opinion that there was small likelihood of this.

2. Congressional Hearings on Nuclear Energy

The discussion then turned to the information developed in the course of the current Congressional hearings, with respect to the damaging results of fallout from nuclear tests and from possible use of weapons. The group agreed that there had been very little interest and a minimum of publicity on this. It was agreed that a general eye should be kept on reactions abroad to this information. The DCI informed the group that the Soviets never make information of this type available to their own citizens, although it occasionally appears in their foreign propaganda output.

3. Berkner and Panofsky Reports

Dr. Libby referred to the Berkner Report, which had been discussed at last week's meeting, and the Panofsky report. He said that he thought publicity should be given to the latter.

Dr. Libby also said that some thought should be given to the possibility of renewing U.S. proposals to restrict nuclear testing to very high altitudes, and that perhaps a higher limit - something on the order of 100,000 kilometers - might be proposed.

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5. Kozlov-Nixon Visits

Mr. Harr inquired as to the validity of speculation that the reciprocal visits of Messrs. Kozlov and Nixon would serve as a substitute for a summit meeting. The Board agreed that there is no substance to such speculation.

6. Afghanistan

Mr. Harr asked what the State Department's view was of the recent cable from Ambassador Byroade in Kabul, which struck a very pessimistic tone. Mr. Murphy said that the State Department was in fact worried about this situation; he said that consideration was being given to inviting the King to visit the U. S.


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